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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR CITIBANK N.Y.C., NAIROBI AND JOHANNESBURG

1. DEPT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE ASAP BY PHONE TO FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, ATTN: WESS SMITH OR V.O. PRALL. NAIROBI FOR R.E. GRANT OR GENE BENNETT, CITIBANK NAIROBI. JOHANNESBURG FOR F. CAMPOAMOR, CITYBANK JOHANNESBURG. DEPT ALSO INFO COPY TO AF/S.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

"BANK INSTALLATIONS OCCUPIED 8/14 4:45 P.M. BY ARMED UNITS ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF THE MPLA DOMINATED LUANDA GOVERNMENT. SIMULTANEOUSLY BANK HEADS CALLED TO MEETING WITH MINISTER FINANCE INSTRUCTED TO TURN OVER BANKS TO AN EMERGENCY COORDINATING COMMISSION JUSTIFIED BY DETEORATING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND TRIGGERED BY INCREASING DE FACTO PARTITION COUNTRY. LEGAL/

POLITICAL STATUS UNCLEAR AS ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS SUSPENDED POWERS TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ASSUMED TOTAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY. MEETING WITH BANKS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR 8/15 BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED. RECOMMEND IMPLEMENTATION COSTANZO INSTRUCTIONS. HAVE CODE BOOK. KEYS TO BANK ENTRANCES SURRENDERED. VAULT KEYS REMAIN OUR POSSESSION WITH TEST WORDS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS THEREIN. EXPECT SITUATION WILL BE CLARIFIED THIS WEEKEND. CAN BE CONTACTED VIA U.S. CONSULATE. REGARDS WILLIAMS"

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END MESSAGE.

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